

Senate Bill 385

By: Senators Balfour of the 9th, Powell of the 23rd, Grant of the 25th, Thompson of the 33rd, Murphy of the 27th and others

**AS PASSED**

**AN ACT**

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages by public carriers and nonprofit organizations, so as to provide for the licensing of limousine carriers to sell alcoholic beverages; to provide for annual applications and fees; to provide for a sticker for each vehicle authorized; to provide for limitations on such annual permit; to provide for compliance with law regarding furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages by public carriers and nonprofit organizations, is amended by adding a new Code Section 3-9-4 to read as follows:

"3-9-4.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision contained in this title or any other law, the commissioner may issue an annual permit authorizing a limousine carrier to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption only in the vehicle supplied by the limousine carrier upon the filing of an application and payment of a fee of \$50.00 by such limousine carrier that holds a certificate issued in accordance with Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 46. In addition to the permit fee, the limousine carrier shall pay an annual fee of \$15.00 for each vehicle to be authorized for the sale of alcoholic beverages. The commissioner shall issue a sticker for each vehicle so authorized.

(b) A permit issued in accordance with this Code section shall not authorize the wholesale purchase of alcoholic beverages by a limousine carrier and only authorizes purchase from a retail dealer. A permit issued in accordance with this Code section shall be subject to any law regulating the time for selling such beverages.

(c) A permit issued in accordance with this Code section shall not authorize a limousine carrier to purchase or sell an alcoholic beverage in a location where the sale of such alcoholic beverage is unlawful.

(d) Limousine carriers holding permits issued in accordance with this Code section shall comply with the provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 3-3-23."

## **SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.